GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS IN STATES
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States where Panchayat Elections have not been held for the last five years; and

(b) the action taken by the Union Government so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a): Panchayat elections have not been held for the last five years in Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chandigarh (for Intermediate Panchayats), National Capital Territory of Delhi and Pondicherry.

(b): The Ministry of Rural Development have beenrequesting the States and Union Territories to hold Panchayat elections at the earliest. In the Conference of State Ministers incharge of Panchayati Raj held in July, 2001 at New Delhi, it was also resolved that Panchayats elections would be held regularly every 5 years.